“Gravy Group” Challenge Contract

This year, in addition to the standard fourth grade projects required of all students, there are optional challenge assignments for students who are ready and responsible. (There will also be challenge formats for each of the standard projects.) The challenge projects will use art, writing, and activities to extend 4th grade learning. Please see the attached outline of projects.

Students who meet the expectations of high quality work and who complete the challenges on time will meet with other “Gravy Group” participants during class to share their finished products. They will also compile a portfolio of written reflections regarding each project and receive a certificate of completion at the end of the year.

Students seeking entry to the “Gravy Group” should be students who ALREADY turn **high quality work in *on time***. This is not a track for students who are struggling or who are challenged by the standard fourth grade curriculum. Signing the Challenge Contract means that you agree to complete ALL of the optional challenge projects this year. My hope is that this encourages a commitment to learning and the opportunity for students to shine.

As a “Gravy Group” member, I agree to complete **SEVEN** of the challenge projects on time.

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**More on the projects….** Each project will have specific requirements and rubrics provided. (Timeline subject to change)

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| **Date** | **Project** | **Majority of work completed** |
| **September/October** | **Create a Country (optional)** | **@ home** |
| **October** | **Genre Study: Mystery Book Summary and Puzzle**  **(required for all; optional challenge format)** | **@ home** |
| **November** | **Genre Study: Fantasy/Science Fiction Setting Map**  **(required for all; optional challenge format)** | **@ home** |
| **November** | **WA State Topographic Map**  **(optional: challenge track)** | **@ home** |
| **December** | **Asia Country Research Report and Visual Aid**  **(required for all; optional challenge format)** | **Writing @ school**  **Visual aid @ home** |
| **January** | **Independent Research Power Point and Report;**  **choice topic (optional: challenge track)** | **@ home** |
| **February** | **Genre Study: Biography Wax Museum**  **(required for all; optional challenge format)** | **Writing @ school**  **Visual aid @ home** |
| **March** | **Genre Study: Newbery Award Winners**  **(required for all; optional challenge format)** | **@ home** |
| **April** | **Word Choice Menu (optional: challenge track)** | **@ home** |
| **May** | **Genre Study: Adventure Book Report**  **(required for all; optional challenge format)** | **@ home** |
| **June** | **Free Choice Genre**  **Free Choice book report format; possible options will be provided (optional: challenge track)** | **@ home** |